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PATENT

**Inventors:** Jenkins et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/659,947

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**Title:** Loop Structures For Supporting Diagnostic And Therapeutic Elements In Contact With Body Tissue And Expandable Push Devices For Use ...

**Group Art Unit:** 3736

**Examiner:** Unassigned

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-SB08 are being brought to the attention of the examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed if required. It is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-SB08 with initials or other appropriate marks, and that the references be made of record as cited references in the application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

12/8/03  
Date

Respectfully submitted,

  
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<sup>1</sup> Applicant respectfully submits that, even if the application upon which the cited US Patent is based was known to applicant, the US Patent itself could not have been known to applicant prior to the issue date. Should the Examiner disagree with this analysis, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative to discuss this matter further.



## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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